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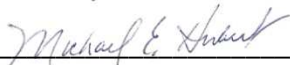
WEED ABATEMENT SEASON

The City of Grover Beach will begin their Annual Weed Abatement Program for weeds and other combustible debris for the 2011 fire season. "Notice to Abate Fire Hazard" postcards will be mailed on April 19, 2011 to all property owners of Grover Beach explaining the process. After inspections are made by Five Cities Fire Authority personnel, a list will be provided to the City Council for a Public Hearing on Monday, May 16, 2011 identifying the lots that need abatement. Property owners will have thirty (30) days (May 17 – June 15, 2011) to remove all fire hazards from their property. The Five Cities Fire Authority will begin checking properties throughout the City on June 16, 2011. **All non-compliant parcels will be cleaned and cleared by a weed abatement contractor. If, for any reason, the Five Cities Fire Authority is required to abate and clear the vegetation and hazards, the owner will pay all costs involved, including a substantial administrative fee.** A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 for property owners that want to protest the charges. The charges will be put on the property owner's tax bill.

The winter rains have produced vegetation that will dry out and become combustible unless cut. In addition to weeds, residents are also required to remove other combustible debris.

The Five Cities Fire Authority urges everyone to cooperate and make the City of Grover Beach fire-safe and free of unnecessary debris and litter.

If you have any questions regarding weed abatement, please call the Five Cities Fire Authority at (805) 473-5486.



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Date: April 12, 2011 _____

Authorized for Release on behalf of the City of Grover Beach:

/s/ Robert Perrault, City Manager _____

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